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EXDIS FOR CHIEF OF MISSION

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, PDIP, PN, PPDC, EC

SUBJECT: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR PANAMA CANAL TREATIES

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER  
TO PRESIDENT POVEDA INVITING HIM TO BILATERAL MEETING  
IN CONNECTION WITH PANAMA CANAL CEREMONIES TO BE HELD  
IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 7. LETTER SHOULD BE CONVEYED  
TO HIGHEST APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY IMMEDIATELY. IN  
DELIVERING MESSAGE, PLEASE ALSO MAKE FOLLOWING THREE  
POINTS: (1) TACTFULLY SUGGEST THAT DELEGATION BE AS  
SMALL AS POSSIBLE BUT INCLUDE WIFE OF CHIEF OF STATE;  
(2) ADVISE THAT THE CHIEF OF STATE AND HIS WIFE ARE  
INVITED TO ATTEND A STATE DINNER WHICH WILL TAKE  
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PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SIGNING CEREMONY,  
SEPTEMBER 7; AND (3) INFORM THAT MRS. CARTER IS  
PLANNING A SEPARATE EVENT FOR WIVES.

2. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST RESPONSE TO LETTER (AND  
WHETHER WIFE WILL ACCOMPANY).

3. FYI: OUR CURRENT COUNT IS THAT 15 CHIEFS OF STATE

SO FAR HAVE AT LEAST TENTATIVELY DECIDED TO COME.

4. TEXT OF LETTER.

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I AM PLEASED  
TO INFORM YOU THAT AFTER 13 YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS,  
THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA  
HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATIES.  
I BELIEVE THAT THESE TREATIES REPRESENT AN HIS-  
TORIC MOMENT IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENTS OF THE AMERICAS, AND I HOPE THAT YOU  
WILL BE ABLE TO SHARE THAT MOMENT WITH ME AND WITH  
CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT OMAR TORRIJOS. WE LOOK FORWARD  
TO A FUTURE IN WHICH THE SAME SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP  
AND OF MUTUAL RESPECT THAT GUIDED US THROUGH THE  
NEGOTIATIONS WILL GUIDE RELATIONS AMONG THE NATIONS  
OF THIS HEMISPHERE.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO VISIT WASHINGTON, I WOULD LOOK  
FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU PERSONALLY TO DISCUSS  
MAJOR SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES.  
I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS ON ANY MATTERS  
YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS DURING OUR MEETING.

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PLEASE CONVEY MY WARMEST FRIENDSHIP TO THE PEOPLE  
OF ECUADOR ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND ACCEPT MY OWN  
PERSONAL BEST WISHES. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END  
TEXT.

5. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON ARRANGEMENTS AND  
LOGISTICAL QUESTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE.

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